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Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder
accepts End-of-Year Donations from
Missouri Schools for “Power Eleven Cents” program
to benefit
The Missouri Military Families Relief Fund

Program proceeds go to Military Families Fund

Jefferson City- Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder delivered the final batch of coins collected by Missouri school children for the Power of Eleven Cents program, to Central Banks Motor Bank in Jefferson City today. The Power of Eleven Cents is a program created by the Lieutenant Governor to help raise funds for the new Missouri Military Families Relief Fund. Kinder signed the bill that created the fund in St. Louis this past June.

“The Power of Eleven Cents is a way for school-age children to learn the importance of being involved with their community” said Kinder. He added, “This program reminds us all that even the smallest effort to help others in need can make a real difference.”

Concerning the Fund, Kinder said, “By creating The Missouri Military Family Relief Fund, we affirm our commitment to our citizen soldiers and our National Guard and Reserve families that we will honor your service and sacrifice to our country.” He added, “The Fund will provide real help to the children and spouses of our Guard and Reserve members who are serving their country far from home. I will continue to lead the effort to raise the money needed to start the fund and to also educate Missourians about this much needed program.”

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Lt. Gov. Kinder works closely with Missouri Veterans Commission on issues relating to veterans as well as issues facing active military personnel. The Missouri Lieutenant Governors office serves as a clearinghouse and advocate for veterans and their families.

The Power of Eleven Cents program was started this year by Lt. Governor Kinder this year after hearing a story about a three year old boy in Missouri. As the story goes, a young three year old was going with his mother (an Army reservist recently returned from Iraq) to see a live performance of “Dora the Explorer,” a theatrical presentation. In his hand, he carried 11 cents. Before they left, his grandmother told him to put it in his pocket, to which he replied, “No, Grandma, give it to your injured soldiers”.

From this Story, The Power of Eleven Cents program was started in support of the Missouri Military Families Relief Fund. For more information, contact Pat Kerr at 573-522-4220.